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**TO: Public Libraries, Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals**

Enclosed for review and comment is a copy of the Draft 2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. The federally required Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area transportation projects that receive federal funds or that are subject to a federally required action. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) prepares and adopts the TIP every two years.

Apart from some improvements to the region's airports, seaports, and privately owned bus and rail facilities, all significant transportation projects in the region are part of the TIP, including transit, highway, local roadway, bicycle and pedestrian investments. All projects included this MTC-prepared TIP are consistent with the long-range transportation plan for the Bay Area, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). MTC has developed the Draft 2005 TIP and Conformity Analysis in cooperation with the county Congestion Management Agencies, Caltrans, individual cities, counties, transit operators, and other project sponsors, and in consultation with FHWA, FTA and EPA.

The TIP is required to cover at least a three-year period and contain a priority list of projects grouped by year. The Draft 2005 TIP includes projects programmed in three fiscal years: FY 2004-05, FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07. Furthermore, this TIP is financially constrained by year, meaning the amount of dollars programmed do not exceed the amount of dollars estimated to be available.

Per federal regulations, this TIP was analyzed by MTC to determine if it conforms to the Bay Area's approved federal Air Quality Plan (also referred to as the State Implementation Plan, or SIP). Motor vehicle emissions were modeled, considering all projects in the TIP, and do not exceed the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB) identified in the SIP.

Federal regulations also require an opportunity for public comment prior to TIP approval. Copies of the Draft 2005 TIP and Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis are available for public review at the MTC-ABAG Library, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, and at major public libraries in each of the nine Bay Area counties, and on the MTC Web site at:

< [www.mtc.ca.gov/publications/tip/tipind.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/publications/tip/tipind.htm) >

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Prior to the formal consideration of the 2005 TIP and Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis, MTC will hold a public hearing and receive public comments.

**Public Hearing:** MTC will hold a public hearing on the Draft 2005 TIP and its Air Quality Conformity Analysis during MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee meeting on:  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2004, 10:30 a.m.,**  
or immediately following MTC's BATA Oversight Committee meeting, whichever occurs later, at the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA (opposite the Lake Merritt BART Station)

**Written Comments:** Written comments may be submitted to MTC's Public Information Office at: 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607 or faxed to MTC at 510/464-7848 or sent via e-mail to <info@mtc.ca.gov>.  
Written comments are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2004. For more information, call MTC's Public Information Office at 510/464-7787.

The final 2005 TIP is scheduled for adoption by MTC on July 28, 2004. Once approved by the Commission, the documents will then be forwarded to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval and inclusion into the Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Federal approval of the FSTIP is scheduled for early October 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Heminger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Heminger  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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